(b) if so, on what conditions?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) The Legislators' Hostel is used primarily to accommodate Members and also to accommodate guests either of the Government or of the Legislators.

" (b) Non-Legislators will be allowed accommodation in the Hostels only when the Legislature is not in session. They will have to pay rent at Rs. 3 per head per day in the old Hostel and at Rs. 4 per head per day in the New Hostel. Guests of Legislators can be accommodated only with the consent of the other inmates of the room, and after giving intimation to the Warden. No furniture will be specially supplied to guests of the Legislators, nor can they stay in the Hostel after their hosts have vacated the rooms."

Dam for excluding salt water in Hosdrug sub-taluk, Kasaragod.

* 1128 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have sanctioned (i) the construction of a dam for excluding salt water from entering cultivated fields at Padne village and (ii) Thimiri Reservoir Scheme in Thimiri village in Hosdrug sub-taluk of the South Kanara district; and

(b) if so, what is the extent of land to be benefited by each scheme and the cost estimated?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) No. The proposals are under consideration.

" (b) Does not arise."

Punkah-pullers in the Highways department.

* 1129 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state how many punkah-pullers have been engaged in the State by the Assistant Engineers of the Highways department and what is the total cost incurred by Government on these punkah-pullers in the financial year 1951–52?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" One hundred and fifty-nine punkah pullers were engaged by the Assistant Engineers of the Highways Department during 1951–52 and the expenditure incurred by the Government on their employment was Rs. 40,297–11–0."

Shroffs in Taluk offices.

* 1130 Q.—SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY (on behalf of Sri M. S. Mogral) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of shroffs working in Taluk offices in the State;